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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

In response to the Final Office Action dated 17 August 2007, Applicant filed an Amendment After Final on 17 October 2007. In further response to the Final Office Action, the shortened statutory period for response having been extended by a one-month Petition for Extension of Time and fee filed herewith, please reconsider this application in view of the following amendment and remarks. Applicant has filed a Request for Continued Examination with this Amendment. With a one-month extension of time, this response is due 17 December 2007 and is timely filed.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2;

Remarks begin on page 10.